

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A water-dispersible particulate composition having an overall melting point of 40°C or higher ~~comprising~~ which is a solid molecular dispersion comprised of:

about 0.01% to about 15% by weight of a sparingly water-soluble compound and about 85-99.99% by weight of a particulatable lipid[[ic]]-based carrier,

wherein the particulatable lipid[[ic]]-based carrier is comprised of:

about 5% to about 50% by weight of a lipid-based surfactant selected from the group consisting of a polyglycolized glyceride, a polyoxyethylene castor oil derivative, a polyoxyethylene stearate having a melting point of from 40°C to 50°C, and a mixture thereof, and

about 50% to about 95% by weight of a stiffening agent having a melting point of from 50°C to 80°C and selected from the group consisting of glycerol monostearate, glycerol palmitostearate, hydrogenated vegetable oil, and a mixture thereof.

2. (Currently amended): [[A]] The water-dispersible particulate composition of claim 1 ~~comprising the molecular dispersion of the compound in the lipid-based carrier~~ prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

melting a mixture comprise[[s]]d of the lipid-based surfactant and the stiffening agent, wherein the lipid-based surfactant is a solid lipid-based surfactant having an HLB value greater than or equal to 10;

dissolving the compound in the melted surfactant and the stiffening agent mixture to form a homogeneous liquid composition of the compound, surfactant and stiffening agent; and cooling the liquid composition.

3. (Currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 1, ~~comprising the molecular dispersion of the compound in the lipid-based carriers~~ prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

melting the lipid-based surfactant, wherein the lipid-based surfactant is a solid lipid-based surfactant having an HLB value greater than or equal to 10;

melting the ~~[[solid]]~~ stiffening agent having a melting point of from 50°C to 80°C;

dissolving the compound in the melted surfactant;

mixing the stiffening agent with the dissolved compound-surfactant mixture to form a homogenous liquid composition; and

cooling the liquid composition.

4. (Currently amended): The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 1, wherein the compound is present in the ~~[[solid]]~~ composition in an amount of from about 1% to about 10%.

5. (Currently amended): The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 1, wherein the compound is present in the ~~[[solid]]~~ composition in an amount of from about 2% to about 5%.

6. (Currently amended): The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 1, wherein the lipid-based surfactant is present ~~in the composition~~ in an amount of from about ~~[[5]]~~ 10% to about 50% by weight of the lipid-based ~~composition~~ carrier.

7. (Currently amended): The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 1, wherein the stiffening agent is present ~~in the composition~~ in an amount of from about 50% to about ~~[[95]]~~ 75% by weight of the lipid-based ~~composition~~ carrier.

8. (Currently amended): The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 1, further comprising one or more formulation co-agents selected from the group consisting of a disintegrating agent, a flow agent, a solubilization enhancer and a pore-forming agent.

9. (Currently amended): The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 8, wherein the total weight of the one or more formulation co-agents in the [[solid]] composition is 0.01% to 5% by weight of the [[solid]] composition.
10. (Currently amended): The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 8, wherein the disintegrating agent is selected from the group consisting of crospovidone, sodium starch glycolate, croscarmellose sodium and a mixture thereof.
11. (Currently amended): The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 8, wherein the flow agent is selected from the group consisting of colloidal silicon dioxide, amorphous fumed silica, starch, synthetic amorphous fumed silica, precipitated silica, and fumed silica and a mixture thereof.
12. (Currently amended): The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 8, wherein the solubilization enhancer is selected from the group consisting of mid-weight polyethylene glycol having a molecular weight of from 2000 to 8000, and a mixture thereof.
13. (Currently amended): The water-dispersible particulate composition according to claim 8, wherein the pore-forming agent is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, dextrose and a mixture thereof.
14. (Currently amended): A process for preparing the water-dispersible [[solid]] particulate composition according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:
melting a mixture comprised of the lipid-based surfactant and the stiffening agent, wherein the lipid-based surfactant is a solid lipid-based surfactant having an HLB value greater than or equal to 10;
dissolving the compound in the melted surfactant and stiffening agent mixture to form a homogeneous liquid composition of the compound, surfactant and stiffening agent;
and cooling the liquid composition.
15. (Currently amended): A process for preparing the water-dispersible [[solid]] particulate composition according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

melting the lipid-based surfactant, wherein the lipid-based surfactant is a solid lipid-based surfactant having an HLB value greater than or equal to 10;
melting the [[solid]] stiffening agent having a melting point of from 50°C to 80°C;
dissolving the compound in the melted surfactant;
mixing the stiffening agent with the dissolved compound-surfactant mixture to form a homogeneous liquid composition; and
cooling the liquid composition.

16. (Previously presented): A process according to claim 14, further comprising cooling the liquid composition using rotary disk processing.

17. (Original): A process according to claim 16, comprising cooling the liquid composition using rotary disk processing to produce microspheres with a median particle size in the range of 50µm-500µm.

18. (Previously presented): A process according to claim 15, further comprising cooling the liquid composition using rotary disk processing.

19. (Previously presented): A process according to claim 18, comprising cooling the liquid composition using rotary disk processing to produce microspheres with a median particle size in the range of 50µm-500µm.